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G.O. No. 2901

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Agriculture - Soil Conservation - Black soil areas of Bellary & Anantapur Districts - Extension of scheme - Proposals - Orders passed.

Abstract:

AGRICULTURE - Soil conservation -- Black soil areas of Bel and Anantapur districts - Extension of scheme - Proposals Orders Passed.

Development Department.

G.O.Ms.No.2901. Dated the 9th July 1952.

Read again:--

G.O.Ms.No.2172, Development dated 14-5-52.

Read also:--

From the Director of Agriculture No.TT.3. 2970/51, dated 10-12-51.

ORDER:

The Government direct that the proposals submitted by the Director of Agriculture for the extension of the scheme for soil conservation in the black soil areas of Bellary and Anantapur districts be brought forward as a Part II Scheme for 1953-54. The Director of Agriculture is requested to renew his proposals in due course.

(By Order of the Governor).

J.M.Lobo Prabhu,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Agriculture.
Copy to Finance Department.

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Superintendent.

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SUMMARISING NOTE.

In January 1949, a scheme for taking up soil conservation measures in three blocks of lands of 2500 areas each near Hagari and Alur in the Bellary district and near Guntakal in the Anantapur district was sanctioned. During 1951-52, the scheme was limited to 4,800 acres in respect of which preliminary work such as topgraphical survey had been completed. In the original scheme, the cost provided for contour bunding was Rs.2,92,500/- 50% of the cost was recoverable from the beneficiary ryots in 20 annual instalments and the ~~bance~~ rest of the expenditure was to be shared equally by the Govt. of India and the State Govt. as the scheme was treated as a G.M.F. measure. But from 1951-52 onwards, the Government of India declined ~~to~~ financial assistance for this scheme on the ground that it does not relate to an intensive cultivation areas. However, the Govt. of India have been urged to reconsider their view and their decision is still awaited.

The D.A. has now submitted proposals for the extension of the scheme to an extent of about 7,630 acres so as to cover the entire catchment area. The additional expenditure involved in extending the scheme to the entire catchment works out to Rs.6,56,000/- and the work is expected to be completed in two years. This department proposed that pending detailed examination of the financial implications of the proposals, the work may be concentrated on a single block of 1,690 acres in the Guntakal centre during the current off-season as the area had already been topographically surveyed and that the work in the Hagari and Alur Centres may be taken up in the next off-season. The estimated expenditure on account of the proposal is estimated

at Rs.1.40 lakhs. In order to facilitate the D.A. to go ahead with the legal formalities required under the Madras Land Improvement Schemes contour Bunding and contour trenching Act, 1949 this department has suggested that pending further examination of the estimates of cost etc., the extension of the scheme to the Guntakal area alone may be approved in principle. F & A and F & A (F.P.) have agreed to this department's suggestion. But finance Secretary is of the view that schemes like this can be taken up in the current year only if substantial assistance is forthcoming from the Govt. of India and that if there is not a reasonable assurance of Central assistance, the scheme must lie over and may be considered as a Part II scheme for 1953-54.

Soil Conservation to be effective has to be tackled on a water shed basis. In the present case, work has already been started in the area as early as 1949 and the present proposal is only for the extension of the scheme to the entire catchment area. In the above view, it is for consideration whether this department may press for accepting the scheme pending further examination of the estimated cos etc. and the D.A. asked to go ahead with the legal formalities required under the Madras Land Improvement Schemes (Contour Bunding and Contour Trenching) Act, 1949,

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whether this department may agree ....
Finance Secretary that the scheme may be taken up as a Part II Scheme for 1953-54 by which time topographical survey in respect of other schemes may also be completed and a definite reply from the Government of India regarding financial assistance will also be known.

(Note frmm p. 10 above)

Recently the S.F.C. turned down the

proposals for a soil conservation scheme in Visakhapatnam and Tirunelveli districts for which India have sanctioned a grant Such being the case the Govt. are not likely to sanction this scheme for introduction in the current year. The Famine Commissioner does not consider the scheme to be of immediate urgenty.

'A' The file maybe circulated for orders whether the proposal will be treated as a part II Scheme for 1953-54.

P.Ambikanathan
7-6-52.

May agree to A

J.M Lobo Prabhu.
10-6-52.

M (Agri) Yes R.Nagan Gowda.

M.(Fin) C.Subramaniam
13-6-52.

Orders in circulation above. A draft order is submitted for approval. F.A. and Fin. may see before issue.

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Superintendent.